



YOUR MEDICAL EXAMINATION

1. SCHEDULING YOUR APPOINTMENT

You must schedule your medical examination at least 10 days prior to the date of your visa interview. The date of your visa interview appears on your appointment letter. **Failure to complete your medical examination by 10 days prior to your visa interview may result in delays with your visa application**, so you should be sure to make arrangements to take your exam at the earliest opportunity.

There are three locations authorized to perform examinations for immigrant visas, and you may have your exam done at the most convenient location for you.

MoBay Hope Medical Centre	Andrews Memorial Hospital	Dr. Althea Banbury
Half Moon Shopping Village	27 Hope Road	Dr. Michael Banbury
Rose Hall, Montego Bay	Kingston 10	Medical Associates Hospital
St. James	(876) 926-7401-3	18 Tangerine Place
(876) 953-3981		Kingston 10
		(876) 908-2123, 906-6799

You must call ahead to schedule a specific appointment time with the doctor of your choice.

2. WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION

-Completed medical history form (on reverse)	-Your appointment letter
-Any relevant medical reports	-Four (4) passport size pictures
-Any immunization records showing prior vaccinations	-Passport
-All medication containers and/or most recent prescriptions	-Exam and vaccination fees
-Parent/guardian (for minor applicants)	-Reading glasses (if used)

3. IMMUNIZATION

U.S. immigration law requires that all applicants be vaccinated for certain diseases. Depending upon your age, you may not need all of the required vaccinations. Please present your immunization records to the physician at the time of the examination and you can receive any needed vaccinations at that time. **Please note that immunization fees are not included in the cost of your examination. Please be prepared to pay for any additional vaccines that you may require.**

PLEASE CONTACT THE PANEL PHYSICIAN BEFORE GOING TO THE CLINIC FOR ADDITIONAL VACCINATIONS.

4. HIV TESTING

During the immigrant visa medical examination, the physician tests all applicants over the age of 15 for antibodies to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), a disease that may lead to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). In cases in which the physician has reason to believe that a child under age 15 might be HIV-positive, he or she may require that the child undergo a blood test.

AIDS is the name given to a group of illnesses that may occur in persons infected with HIV. Infection with HIV causes a defect in a person's natural immunity against disease. This defect leaves infected people vulnerable to serious illnesses that would not normally be a threat to someone with a healthy immune system. A positive test result for HIV does not mean you have AIDS, but that you are at risk to develop it. Any positive results will be confirmed with an additional test.

The results of your test will be provided to a consular officer, and may be reported to the Jamaican health authorities, as required by Jamaican law. If the test results are positive, you will be ineligible for the visa and the consular officer is required by U.S. law to deny the application. However, a waiver of this ineligibility may be possible, and the consular officer will explore that possibility with you during the interview.